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CZECHS SET TO TAKE CANBERRA BY STORM

— By Andrew Dettre —

Rudi Gutendorf, his long, sad face drawn inches longer, watched last Sunday's Sydney massacre in awed silence.

There, on the manicured turf of the Sportsground, lay in ruins the bulk of his national team.

It was a NSW side that was slaughtered by Red Star — but the majority of the players are also in Gutendorf's squad for the international against Czechoslovakia in Canberra.

"Mein Gott," he whispered to himself in German. "If Red Star is so superior, what will the Czechs do to us?"

Sunday will tell. Red Star IS good — but Czechoslovakia, on paper anyway, is infinitely stronger.

They will lack, perhaps, some of the cheeky, extroverted, almost impish trickery of the Yugoslavs but they are likely to be tougher, stronger and more bloodyminded when it comes to taking chances.

The day after the Red Star execution, the Socceroos moved into their training camp at the pleasant seaside suburb of Cronulla; hopefully the sea breeze will blow away some of the lingering blues.

Despite the possible psychological effects of the thrashing, Gutendorf has little option in team selections.

He will still have to rely in Canberra on players who proved to be so painfully unfit and then left the field in a daze.

Woodhouse is likely to be in goal but the defence causes problems: Prskalo is still overseas, Tansey has just returned but is unfit.

So Gutendorf will have to place his trust in Perry, Henderson, Russell, Bertogna and perhaps Bozanic with Mullen so badly out of touch.

In midfield he is unlikely to bypass the always reliable solid Rooney, with probably Picioane and Cole as his partners though Jankovics could also be used there.

Knowing his preference for the aggressive, bustling little winger, Gutendorf may field Cumming on one wing and either O'Connor or Sharne on the other with Krncevic withdrawn in the centre.

Nyskohus, Coyne and Bertogna are others in the running for a full international cap.

Gutendorf is still openly, unashamedly pessimistic about the result — perhaps suspiciously so.

Let's hope that even one week of solid preparation will lift the level of the Australian stars sufficiently to avoid any humiliation in our national capital.

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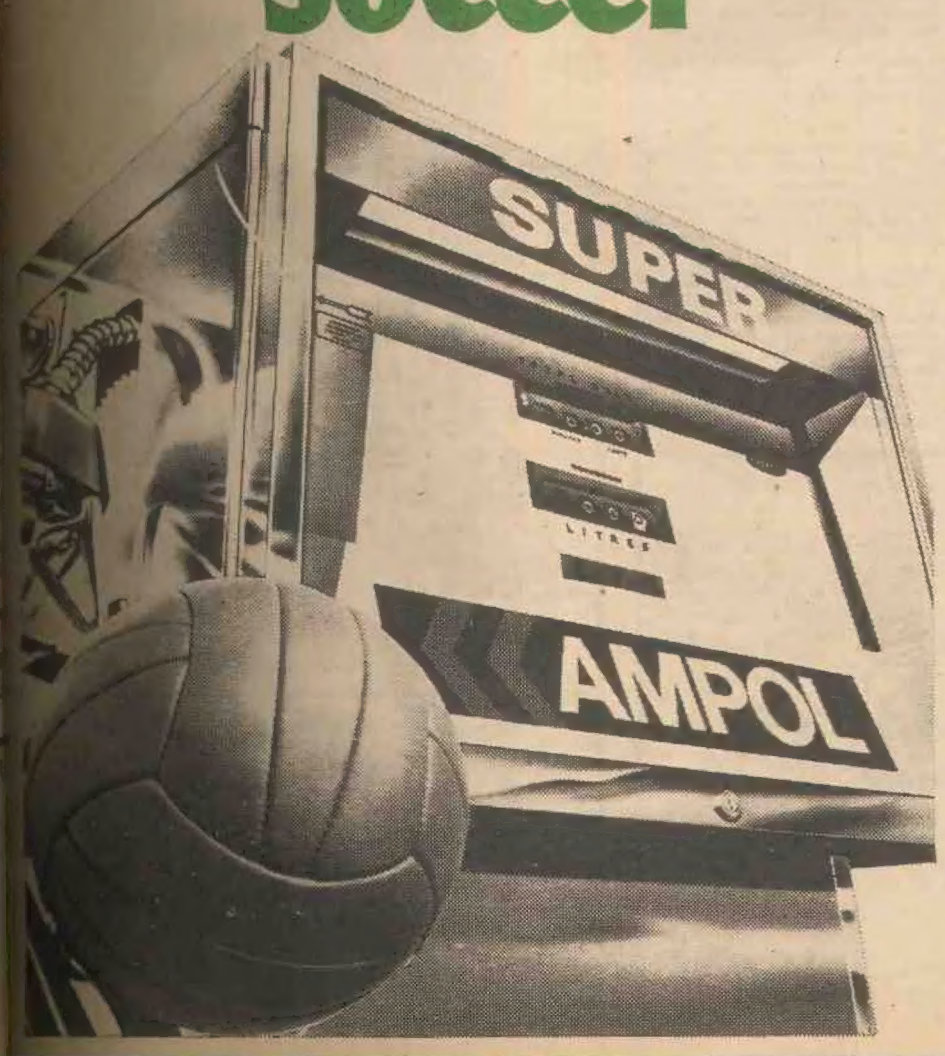

OFF TO ITALY!

This is the logo of the 1980 European Championship finals, to be held in Italy in June.

Last week the draw was made, splitting the teams into two groups of four.

On page 8 you will see the groups and also all the 1978-1979 elimination match results which produced this year's finalists.

Yugo disasters produce action

Red Star's Miletovic in full flight against NSW.

NSW State coach Leo Baumgartner will see the Federation executive next Tuesday in a "disaster control" meeting.

Baumgartner, smarting under the Vardar (1-6) and Red Star (0-5) hidings, is determined to create a semi-permanent State squad.

"We can't afford the luxury of these prestige-shattering defeats," he said this week.

"I will submit a plan which will enable us to have a strong NSW team ready at short notice," he said.

"We should never have this type of "double disaster" in the future."

NSW president Karl Rodny said he was fully behind the plan.

"We'll give Leo a very good reception and we'll work out something.

"I agree that we cannot afford losses like these. The NSW State team is something we should be proud of, instead of just throwing it to the wolves."

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CKS OPEN NEW YEAR

Blacktown City at the top of the PSL table...Marconi near the bottom...Canberra's $100,000 new-look team thrashed at home...these were some of the amazing features of the first round in the Philips League.

The PSL got off to a flying start — despite some last minute dramas.

The petrol industry strike delayed several interstate flights carrying teams; in one case, the referee couldn't even get to Canberra.

Then, in Sydney, the balmy weather ended abruptly on Saturday night and all three PSL matches had to be staged in pouring rain on a wet, miserable afternoon.

Much to its credit, the PSL did not even consider cancelling any of the games though, of course, attendances were badly affected.

One of the highlights of the coming round will be the visit of greenhorns Blacktown to Marconi: the newcomers, riding high, against last year's champions, licking their wounds.

This is the match that could really make Blacktown if they caused another upset, even in the form of a draw.

The other big attraction will be Sydney City's visit to Newcastle where officials predict a 10,000-plus crowd — provided the petrol strike is over.

• **Full previews of the PSL rounds inside.**

Terry Smith scores Sydney City's first goal of the season against Marconi last Sunday with this strange looking header, meeting the ball on his knees.

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AMPOL CUP FINAL HELD NEXT WEEK

Croatia and Olympic, two of the State League giants, will clash in the 1980 Ampol Cup final on Friday night, March 21.

The match will start at 8.30pm at the Sydney Sportsground.

Olympic will, no doubt, make an extra effort to take out the trophy which would be their first ever success since — an Pan Hellenic — they came into prominence in 1961.

Luckily, these are also the greatest crowd-pullers in the Cup.

The NSW Federation expects a crowd close to 10,000, provided the weather is fine and Sydney's transport problems are over.

GAMES ARE IN DANGER

This weekend's soccer matches face the possibility of being cancelled because of the petrol strike.

The NSW Federation will decide on Thursday whether the State League and First Division go ahead as scheduled.

Even the Philips League matches could be called off.

The PSL faces a double hazard: first the problems with the aircraft movements and then the shortage of petrol in Sydney for fans — and even players.

Guide to all Sydney grounds

AMOUR PARK, Iluka Street, Revesby. 56 B/6
ARLINGTON OVAL, William Parade, Dulwich Hill. 27 K/13
ARTARMON RESERVE, Burra Road, Artarmon. 59 B/9
BEAMAN PARK, Wardell Road, Dulwich Hill. 33 L/2
BENSLEY ROAD SOCCER COMPLEX, Cnr. Bensley & Oakley Roads, Macquarie Fields. B M/2
BERKELEY SPORTS GROUND, North Cliff Drive, Berkeley.
BLAMFIELD OVAL, Elizabeth Drive, Green Valley. 100 G/13
BLICK OVAL, Cnr. Holden St. & First St., Ashbury. 27 F/14
BOD 2, Lloyds Rd., South Bathurst - off Bant St., Army Depot Stores.
BOORALEE PARK, Bay Street, Botany. 24 C/9
CAMPBELL PARK, Bibby Street, Chiswick.25 G/11.
CAWARRA PARK, Cawarra Street, Eastern Creek.116D/12
CENTENARY PARK, Centenary Rd., South Wentworthville. 46 B/10.
CHILDS PARK, Ernest Ave., Chipping Norton. 86 D/9
CHOPPIN PARK,Lot 4-5 Bungalow Rd., Plumpton.115H/4.
CONCORD OVAL, Cnr.Loftus & Parramatta Rds., Concord. 30 J/3.
CONDELL PARK HIGH SCHOOL, Third Ave., Condell Park. 53 J/12.
COOK PARK, Wilson Street, St.Marys. 114 D/12.
CORAL SEA PARK, Yorktown Pde., Maroubra. 21 G/9
CROMER PARK, South Creek Rd., Dee Why West.79 G/10
DAVID PHILLIPS FIELD, Cnr.Banks & Gwea Avenues, Daceyville. 24 J/4.
DEE WHY OVAL, Cnr.Lismore Avenue, & Pittwater Road, Dee Why. 79 J/12
DRUMMOYNE OVAL, Bayswater Rd.,Drummoyne.25 L/10
EASTWOOD OVAL, West Parade, Eastwood. 71 E/7
ENGLEFIELD STADIUM, Jenner Road, Hornsby. S R/15
ERNIE SMITH RESERVE, Kelso Cresc., Moorebank.87 K/2
ERSKINEVILLE OVAL, Mitchell Rd., Erskineville. 10 C/5
EVATT PARK, Forest Road, LUGARNO.37 F/15
EVERLEY ROAD PARK, Everley Road, Chester Hill.49 H/9
FRANCIS PARK, Richmond Rd., Blacktown. 117 G/7
GABBIE STADIUM, Quinn Ave., Seven Hills. 118 H/6
GARSIDE PARK, Cnr.Parramatta Rd. & Alfred St., Granville. 47 G/9
GIRRAWEEN PARK, Octavia Street, Toongabbie. 41 B/14
GRAHAM RESERVE, Balgowlah Rd., Manly. 77 H/12
GUILDFORD PARK, Marian Street, Guildford. 52 J/2
HALL (E.L.S.) PARK, Kent Road., Marsfield. 72 D/4
HAMMONDVILLE PARK, Heathcote Road, Hammondville 88 F/9
HURSTVILLE OVAL, Cnr. Dora & Gordon Streets, Hurstville. 35 B/5
IRELAND PARK, Memorial Avenue, Liverpool. 85 B/16
JAMES MEEHAN OVAL, Brookes Street, Macquarie Fields. A M/9
JELLICO PARK, Park Parade, Pagewood. 24 L/6
JOE BROAD PARK, Roberts Avenue, Mt. Pritchard. 100 H/10
KING PARK, Humphries Road, St.Johns Park. 98 G/14
KING TOMISLAV PARK, 455 Edensor Road, Edensor Park 99
KNIGHT PARK, Fairfield Street, Fairfield. 52 F/9
LAMBERT PARK, Marion Street, Leichhardt. 28 B/7
L.H. WAUD SPORTS GROUND, Adelaide Street, Meadowbank. 71 G/15
LYNWOOD PARK, Rangers Road, Wedderburn, Liverpool.
MACKEY PARK, Carrington Road, Tempe. 34 G/4
MACQUARIE UNI. OVAL,Culloden Road, North Ryde. 64 D/12
MAHONEY OVAL, Cnr. Wharf St., & Illawarra Rd., Undercliffe. 34 B/4
MARCO POLO OVAL, 80 Morrissett Street, Queanbeyan.
MARCONI OVAL, Marconi Road, Bossley Park. 97 F/12
MARKS FIELD, Cnr. Anzac Pde., & Dacey Ave., Moore Park. 12 C/3
MAX RUDDOCK RESERVE, Romulus St. & Junction Rd., Winston Hills. 41 K/7
MILPERRA RESERVE, Cnr. Bullecourt & Ashford Aves., Milperra. 55 F/3
MONA PARK, Mona Street, Auburn. 47 J/15
MOORE PARK, Anzac Parade, Opposite Sydney Sports Ground. 7 K/9
MURRAY FARM RESERVE, Murray Farm Road, Carlingford. 59 J/15.
MORRISON BAY PARK, Morrison Road, Putney. 40 G/4
NORTH RICHMOND OVAL, Beaumont Ave., North Richmond.
NORTH SYDNEY OVAL, Cnr. Miller & Ridge Sts., North Sydney. 59 J/15
NORTH RYDE OVAL, Pittwater Road, North Ryde. 57 C/8
O'NEILL PARK, Cnr. Cooper & Farnell Roads, Yagoona. 54 D/3
PARKES RESERVE, Prospect Road, Canley Vale. 52 A/15
PARKLANDS OVAL, Parklands Road, Mt.Colah. 110 F/7
PARKLEA ACADEMY, 482 Meurants Lane, Parklea. P 8/12
PEEL PARK, Cnr. Stanbury St., & Morrison Rd., Gladesville. 40 K/4
PENDLE HILL PARK, Cnr. Gt.Western Hwy. & Girraweer Road, Pendle Hill. 45 C/5
PIONEER PARK, off Balaclava Road, Marsfield. 72 A/1
PONDEROSA PARK, Cowper Street, Camden. E E/14
POPONDETTA PARK, Cnr. Popondetta & Jersey Rds. Emerton. 115 B/1
POTTERY GREEN, Phoenix Street, Lane Cove. 58 E/11
POTTS PARK, Rookwood Road, Yagoona. 50 H/15
PRATTEN PARK, Arthur Street, Ashfield. 27 E/10
PROGRESS PARK, Cnr. Wellington & Chisholm Rds, Auburn. 49 K/5
SCHOFIELDS PARK, Station Street, Schofields. M D/1
SEYMOUR SHAW PARK, The Boulevarde, Miranda 93 G/14
SOCCER CENTRE, Gartmore Avenue, Bankstown. 54 J/12
ST.JOHNS PARK, Edensor Road, St.Johns Park. 100 A/3
ST.JOHNS OVAL, Sydney Uni. Ground, Parramatta Rd. Sydney. 5 G/11
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STANWELL OVAL, Stanwell Crescent, Ashcroft. 100 E/16
TED HORWOOD RESERVE, Renown Road, Baulkham

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The sad news has reached us only now: former Bankstown, Budapest and Canterbury player ALAN HETHERINGTON died last year in New Zealand at the age of 41.

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Manly will probably field reserve goalkeeper MARK BOWER next week in place of CHRIS CASSETTARI now recovering from a double break to the jaw.

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Young Manly star PETER VALE is making steady progress in his comeback from a leg injury. Club officials fear the worst for the year, with their injury list already alarmingly long.

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The coaching situation at Manly has caused confusion to some outsiders. Just for the record, RICHARD ALAGICH is the football director, involved mainly with setting up the junior system in the Manly area, and helping out with training programs for the Federation teams. The first team is coached by TERRY STONE who is in total control of the side.

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Former Sydney first division player ROSS WARREN is now running a most pleasant hotel at Kiama, down on the South Coast. Next time you drive that way, drop in to see him at the Grand Hotel.

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Leichhardt have signed former Inter Monaro player TONY MORSELLO for the year on loan for $1,000. Tony is a former APIA junior player who went to Monaro for some first team experience.

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Inter Monaro's defender ALDO CHARLES missed last week's match because of a badly swollen ankle. Club officials are hoping his injury improves during the week.

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"There's no point in knocking our supporters, boss. We haven't got any"

Another Inter Monaro player seems likely to be leaving the club. FLAVIO DI PAOLI who is a member of the Commonwealth Police in Canberra, is finding it difficult to get time off for matches and training and looks like having no alternative but to join a team in the local Canberra league.

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Monaro officials feel KOSTA TALEVSKI has a big future in the first grade team and the young striker played well enough last week to suggest he will retain his spot.

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Recent signing for Arncliffe Scots, JOHN WIGNALL, has been made club captain. In recent years John has been with Croatia and Marrickville Olympic.

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The Arncliffe Scots first team now only contains two players from last year's team: BOB OLDHAM and ANDY TRACEY.

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Auburn fielded two 16-year-olds in their match against Avala last weekend: PAUL CARTER and TONY McCULLOCH.

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"GOAL" DUE OUT SOON

A new monthly soccer magazine will be hitting the newsstands in the next two or three weeks.

Called "Goal," it will contain articles from overseas as well as wide-ranging features about soccer in Australia.

There will be articles about the fabulous new Argentinian star, Diego Maradona, the newest Philips League club Blacktown City and its coach, Mick Jones, England's all-time greatest player Bobby Charlton, Australia's national coach, Rudi Gutendorf, leading referee Tony Boskovic, indoor soccer in North America, and the intensive new youth program as well as reviews of the Cosmos and Czechoslovakia tours.

Readers will also have a chance to win a trip to the FA Cup final and European Cup final, and have the chance to obtain sports books at a generous discount.

Previews of the Philips League and State Leagues and comments on matters of importance in the game will complete this exciting new publication.

10 YEARS AGO ...20 YEARS AGO ....10 YEARS AGO 20 YEARS AGO.. 10YEARS AGO...

March 11, 1960: "Last year we saw too often a lethargic and apathetic team play and lose against inferior sides. This year a new team spirit was born that, coupled with the undoubted ability of the players, makes all the difference. "(Budapest fan on team's Ampol Cup success.)

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March 13, 1970: "The ASF may appoint a new coach for the national team. The agenda of this week's ASF meeting hints at this surprise move. Since 1967 Joe Vlasits has been the national team coach. However, he has no contract with the ASF."

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March 13, 1970: "It cost the ASF $11,287.24 to prepare and send the Australian team to Seoul

Plans for Gabbie

Visiting England star Bobby Charlton praised the facilities Blacktown City has provided at Seven Hills despite the absence of grandstands which he is obviously used to in England.

Charlton who left for England on Monday said he had enjoyed the week's stay with the club both at training and the match he played against St.George.

The constant rain gave the surface of the ground a good test; it was well drained and quite playable with no discomfort for the players.

Parking facilities for the spectators at Gabbie are quite adequate and there is plenty of room for further extensions.

But like many other venues the ground is rather naked for wet weather as there is no shelter of any sort.

This game would have drawn more than twice the crowd if under cover facilities were available.

The club has promoted this initial game against St.George to the tune of $20,000 but of course nowhere near that has been recouped from the gate.

However, the club has big

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need to improve vastly on their wretched record.

Lions are not a fancy side but they are fit and efficient and certainly enjoying the steadying influence of Hermiston.

South Melbourne, revamped since last season, appear to have more ambition and aggression.

If they can also unearth a man capable of scoring a goal or two, they could make amends for their horror 1979 year.

Our tip: 1-1 draw.

Adelaide City remain the PSL's enigma, the team which always promises too much and delivers so little.

Loaded with talent and skill of all types, they should be among the front runners if not outright title challengers.

No doubt Rasic will make some drastic changes in his team, especially in the fragile defence and will entrust Marocchi with the playmaker's role.

Melta and Dodds may be available for selection and Muir and Deans may return to their more conventional positions.

Brisbane City are not yet at their peak though Caldwell appears to be in fine goal touch — at both ends.

They are a fighting unit, very capable of snatching points in away matches and shouldn't be under-rated by the Adelaide fans.

Our tip: Adelaide City 2-1.

The weakened Footscray did well to take home a point last week but their task won't be any easier on Saturday

heights but they also have some weak spots which won't be easy to wipe out.

Canberra may take some time to blend all the newcomers into their team and so their early stumbles are not quite unexpected.

They are also unlikely to commit as many defensive blunders as they did last week.

come freely.

Westad, dramatically rejuvenated by Chaldi, hasn't yet got that old championship look about them.

Israeli star Topaz will be a huge asset but Kosmina & Co. up front also have to do their bit to help them towards a renaissance.

Our tip: Heidelberg 1-0.

And you can just dial the studio and ask Rudi: Hey, what about...?

The other guests will be young star Paul Kay and PSL manager John Frank.

The sports show includes a soccer segment every Saturday morning about the same time.

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BRISBANE LIONS	1	1	—	—	4	2	+2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	4	2	2
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SYDNEY CITY	1	1	—	—	2	1	+1	2	1	1	—	—	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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FOOTSCRAY	1	—	1	—	1	1	0	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	0	0	1
HEIDELBERG	1	—	1	—	0	0	0	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
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WEST ADELAIDE	1	—	1	—	1	1	0	1	1	—	1	—	0	0	1	1	—	—	1	1	2	—
11. ADELAIDE CITY	1	—	—	1	1	2	−1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	2	—
MARCONI	1	—	—	1	1	2	−1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. CANBERRA	1	—	—	1	2	4	−2	—	1	—	—	1	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ST.GEORGE	1	—	—	1	2	4	−2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	4	—

Sydney City's newly signed star Ken Boden (left) streaking past Marconi's John Russell with Ivo Prskalo looking somewhat concerned.

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SYDNEY CITY 2(1)
MARCONI 1(0)

Goals: 1-0 Smith (7m), 2-0 Boden (56m), 2-1 Krncevic (88m).

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 4, Mullen 3, Thomson 3, O'Connor 2, Bruce 4, Stevenson 3, **Watson** 5, **Barnes** 5, **Boden** 5, Smith 4, (Patikas 46m), Silva 3. **Coach:** E. Thomson.

MARCONI: Maher 3, Brogan 2, Degney 4, Russell 3 (Lindsay 45m), **Prskalo** 5, Byrne 3, **Vieri** 5, Raskopoulos 2, Jankovics 2, **Krncevic** 5, Sharne 2. **Coach:** L. Scheinflug.

Referee: T. Davies; **Crowd:** 1,027; **Cautions:** Thomson, O'Connor.

The final scoreline more than flattered Marconi who lacked the cohesion and teamwork which won them the premiership last year.

After the early goal there was no doubt that despite the difficult conditions Sydney City would win both points.

Marconi had no midfield to speak of though Vieri worked hard but the others, Raskopoulos in particular, couldn't assist him.

Smith, Barnes and Watson proved to be the major hurdle in the middle for Marconi; they showed what effort and teamwork can do.

The first goal was a copybook effort.

Watson, Silva, Barnes, back to Smith and the tall striker put it home, with an excellent header almost level with the ground.

Smith had to be replaced at halftime by Patikas, having suffered an ankle injury.

However, this didn't seem to make any difference to the power and overall cohesion of the Sydney City team.

Sharne up front was disappointing. He made two or three good runs and one of these, late in the game, produced their goal.

Krncevic drove himself hard all afternoon and showed that he has developed into one of the best strikers in Australia.

The $28,000 Sydney City had paid for Ken Boden was justified when he snapped up a half chance on the edge of the box after Brogan had stumbled into Maher; Boden stole the ball — and it was at the back of the net.

Boden did look as though he will deliver the goods to Sydney City.

Sydney City were so superior that they could have won by three or even four goals.

They were better in fitness, effort and skill while Marconi played a disjointed game.

They couldn't provide any back-up to their front runners and clearly missed the organising hand of the still injured Tony Henderson.

Still, all fine teams can have an off-day and let's assume this was one of the few Marconi are likely to have this season.

— Roger Dewick

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LEICHHARDT 2(1)
ADELAIDE CITY 1(0)

Goals: 1-0 O'Connor (15m), 2-0 Bradley (58m), 2-1 Muir (80m).

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 4, McGinn 3, **Dempsey** 5, Wilson 4, McAusland 3, Bradley 4, Stone 4, O'Donnell 3, Drews 4, Morsello 2, **O'Connor** 5. **Coach:** W. Wallace.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 4, Russell 2, Jones 4, Besir 2 (Marocchi 73m), B. Nyskohus 3, Muniz 4, Perin 3, Northcote 3, J. Nyskohus 3, Muir 4, Deans 3. **Coach:** R. Rasic.

Referee: D. Nugent (Qld.); **Crowd:** 1,723; **Cautions:** Northcote, Russell.

As though offended by the rainy weather and slippery pitch, Adelaide City's players in the first half simply refused to believe that their short-passing game under the conditions won't bring results.

Leichhardt, on the other hand, very quickly adapted to the wet and decided to play a simple, unembroidered game, hitting long clean balls to the fast, eager strikers.

While Adelaide's central defensive pair, Jones and Besir, were casually sorting out their respective roles, Leichhardt created three easy chances, Morsello missing two and O'Connor the third.

The brittle-looking Adelaide defence was about to crack and it fell to O'Connor to do it.

With his fullback miles away, he pounced on a throughball, sprinted off and then blasted a left-foot drive to the near corner with awesome power and accuracy.

For the remainder of the first half, the faster, more direct Leichhardt remained in firm control and it was a near miracle — and some mighty misses by Morsello and O'Connor yet again plus a stunning save by Marshall — that kept Adelaide in the game at all.

After half time, Adelaide City showed much more aggression and purpose, with the tall Muir now having abandoned his uncomfortable midfield role and leading the attack.

Leichhardt appeared to tire — but in fact were only waiting for their chance to break away and yet again stretch the highly suspect Adelaide defence.

Their opporunity came in the 58th minute. O'Donnell was fouled on the left wing and O'Connor floated in a high freekick; it glanced off one or two heads to the far post where the tiny Bradley beat Marshall for the ball and tapped it in.

Muniz in the 66th and 76th minute could have pulled one or two goals back but the blond Brazilian was woefully off target.

Still, in the 80th minute, a ray of hope arrived for the visitors as Deans' low square cross found Muir in the goalmouth, slamming home an easy goal.

— Andrew Dettre

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WEST ADELAIDE 1(0)
NEWCASTLE 1(0)

Goals: 0-1 Trenter (46m), 1-1 Honeyman (89m).

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 4, **McGregor** 5, Bozanic 4, Tmyczyszyn 4, **Topaz** 5, Carruthers 3, Atsalas 3, Forde 4, Kosmina 4, Honeyman 4, Lorenzoni 3. **Coach:** G. Chaldi.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: Dando 4, Reaney 3, Summerscales 4, Drinkwater 4, Bertogna 3, Trenter 3 (Deakin 87m), Senkalski 4, Jones 3, Curran 4, **Tredinnick** 5, Barrows 3. **Coach:** A. Vest.

Referee: B. Harwood (WA); **Crowd:** 4,123; **cautions:** Tymczyszyn, Forde.

Newcastle United failed by minutes to register their first ever win in the PSL over Westad when Honeyman snatched a late equaliser.

New signing Mark Trenter gave Newcastle the lead just after half-time with a header from a Peter Tredinnick corner kick.

Alan Vest must have been counting the two away points as his own as Graham Honeyman sent a low shot past Phil Dando to level the score.

Although these were the only two goals scored, the match was full of goalmouth action but the strikers were guilty of wasting numerous chances.

Westad manager Gerry Chaldi fielded youngsters Tom Forde, Steve Atsalas and Aldo Lorenzoni as regulars Peter Boyle (hamstring) and Barry Reynolds (knee) were unable to play.

This young and reshuffled Westad side performed creditably against the powerful Newcastle.

Former Leeds United and English international Paul Reaney had a frustrating debut for Newcastle.

In Graham Honeyman he struck an elusive opponent who clearly won the honors during the entire 90 minutes.

The big success of Westad's new-look line up was ex-Israeli international Shraga Topaz who made the team in the last minute shrugging off a thigh injury.

Topaz lent a new dimension to the sweeper position and expertly guided the Westad defence and also found time to direct the attack with inch-perfect passes.

Chaldi's switch of winger Ian McGregor to fullback was also successful as the player seemed to revel in the responsibilities of his new position.

Young Lorenzoni would have been the match hero had he exploited two scoring chances in the final 20 minutes.

Martyn Crook covered himself in glory with four great saves, including two brave dives at the feat of onrushing strikers, Trenter and newcomer Paul Barrows.

— Alan Crisp

4

BRISBANE CITY 1(0)
FOOTSCRAY 1(1)

Goals: 0-1 Caldwell (11m. o.g.), 1-1 Caldwell (81m. pen.)

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 3, Caldwell 3, Potter 3, Ratcliffe 4, Wilkinson 3, Perry 4, Coyne 2, Gaffney 3, Palinkas 2, Kelso 3, Tripp (Low 59m). **Coach:** N. Saftich.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 4, Hazabent 3, O'Reilly 3, Kondarios 3, Petrov 3, Jovanovic 3, Ollerton 3, Rujevic 3, Vasic 3 (Belic 56m), Picioane 3 (Ilioski 73m), Lujic 3. **Coach:** R. Ilie.

Referee: P. Rampley (NSW); **Crowd:** 3,105; **Cautions:** Caldwell, Belic.

The two teams played a lacklustre season opener in Brisbane.

The difference between them was that Footscray played to a plan, albeit a negative one, while the hosts tried to generate their own style and verve but never quite succeeded.

Footscray served early notice of their intentions by getting lots of men behind the ball and working hard to retain possession.

In the 11th minute their tactics seemed to pay off when Caldwell, under pressure elected to lift the ball back to the onrushing Wishart but in a horrible mix-up, it floated over the 'keeper and into the net.

This set-back added even more to City's frustrations.

It was also at this time that their Achilles heel began to show, for their midfield simply couldn't hold its own.

Certainly Boland made a great save from Kelso to keep his team in the lead but chance after chance was wasted as players found themselves in promising positions without any support.

Perry worked his heart out in the middle but his talents are much more defensive than constructive.

It wasn't until the last 10 minutes that the match really came to life.

Palinkas got into the box and was brought down by an awkward looking tackle — a soft penalty but Caldwell, the earlier own-goal anti-hero, converted anyway.

A flagging Footscray began to lose their composure and were lucky to hang onto a point when Palinkas — himself a former Footscray stalwart — sent a 35-metre shot rocketing past the despairing Boland.

Luckily for Footscray, another Brisbane City appeared to be in offside position and the referee disallowed the goal though Boland's great diving attempt showed no indication that the offending player had interfered with play.

Real bad luck — or perhaps a borderline refereeing decision.

So Brisbane City could have won in the end — but if they want both points from now on, they will have to start their effort a bit earlier than in the dying stages of a match.

— Jim Binnie

5

BLACKTOWN 4(3)
ST.GEORGE 2(1)

Goals: 1-0 Charlton (6m), 1-1 Beggs (29m), 2-1 Fisher (40m), 3-1 Wilkinson (44m), 3-2 McIntosh (69m), 4-2 Harding (73m).

BLACKTOWN: James 4, Taylor 3, Turnbull 4, **Stowell** 5, Pointer 2 (B. Campbell 14m), Hormazabal 4, Harding 4, Ortega 3 (Amey 86m), Wilkinson 3, Charlton 3, Fisher 3. **Coach:** M. Jones.

ST.GEORGE: Smith 3, Groome 3, (Mihajlovic 84m), Terry 4, McIntosh 4, Utjesenovic 3, Gnavi 3, (Katholos 46m), Kay 4, Davies 3, **Beggs** 5, Griffiths 3, Cotton 3. **Coach:** R. Blanco.

Referee: H. Witschge; **Crowd:** 3,478; **Cautions:** Gnavi, McIntosh.

Blacktown City in their PSL debut gave notice that they won't be easy pickings for their more experienced opponents; they scored a deserved and rather convincing victory over St.George.

Although they had former England and Manchester United star Bobby Charlton in their line-up, he was only there just as a draw-card and the win was not the result of some single handed super effort.

The weather robbed City of a bumper crowd but those who braved the elements certainly got their money's worth with some very entertaining football.

Charlton posted the lead for City early in the piece but he only finished off a great move by Ortega on the left which drew out the defence and the goalkeeper before sending a precision pass for the maestro to tap into the net.

City continued to dominate the game mainly from midfield where Bruce Stowell and Dave Harding were in absolute command of the proceedings.

The only St.George menace was a top performance from striker Peter Beggs and to a lesser extent young Paul Kay both of whom were lightning fast on the break.

Beggs scored the first goal with a header from a curling Doug Utjesenovic freekick and had a hand in the second goal.

Ricky Hormazabal also had a good game in midfield and two goals just before halftime were scored from moves he started, exploiting weaknesses in the St.George left flank.

The Saints fought well after the break and seemed set to salvage something from this game, but City regained control midway through the half to finish right on top with the last kick of the game being a goal by Charlton which the referee disallowed.

Blacktown's win was the more remarkable if one considers that in Charlton, Stowell and Harding, they had three veterans — two of them over 40 and in semi-retirement.

The Saints were inferior in speed and aggression throughout the match and went down with surprising meekness.

— Charles Spiteri

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CANBERRA 2(1)
BRISBANE LIONS 4(2)

Goals: 0-1 Williams (24m.o.g.), 0-2 McNaughton (36m), 1-2 J. O'Shea (41m), 2-2 Giampaolo (53m), 2-3 Hughes (82m), 2-4 Niven (86m).

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 3, R. O'Shea 3, Williams 2, Byrne 4, J. O'Shea 3, Giampaolo 4, Valeri 2, (McLaren 73m), M. O'Shea 4, Farrell 3, Brown 3, Brennan 3. **Coach:** Fernandez.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 3, Niven 3, Bennett 3, Hermiston 4, Reid 2, (Hughes 73m), McNaughton 4, Millman 3, Ontong 3, Wilson 3, Lindsay 4, McGregor 3. **Coach:** M. Carson.

Referee: K. Allan (ACT); **Crowd:** 4,960.

In the 3rd minute Hoszowski saved a header on his line and only two minutes later Giampaolo sneaked into the penalty area but smashed the ball against the upright.

Valeri also looked dangerous with a snap-shot which whizzed past the post.

But then a blunder by Harry Williams allowed Lions to take the lead.

A lob from the Lions defence landed at the feet of Williams; he tried a backpass to the goalie but the ball went wide of Hoszowski and Williams desperately chased it right into his own net.

Canberra were 0-2 down after 36 minutes. Tony Brennan tried a backpass this time, to Williams; it fell short and was snapped up by the excellent Kiwi Mark McNaughton who slipped the ball past the hapless Hoszowski.

With four minutes of the first half remaining Canberra reduced the lead when John O'Shea hit a low cross into the corner.

Boosted by this goal, Canberra's confidence increased; attacks became more threatening and Giampaolo particularly looked sharp.

Finally it was him who slipped past two defenders and the goalie to square the match with a brilliant solo effort which justified every penny of his $22,000 transfer fee.

But after this the Lions defence tightened up again while their strikers launched purposeful attacks.

When Gerry Lindsay was fouled, substitute Alan Hughes headed the freekick into the corner.

The match was finally put beyond doubt when Alan Niven scored from the penalty spot after John Brown had brought down Thomas McGregor.

Overall, Canberra might have had more sheer skill than their opponents but were at a severe handicap following the first two conceded goals, both awful defensive errors.

Lions, a no nonsense team, playing without undue frills, looked powerful and earned their points.

The new Canberra striking trio has yet to blend into a unit; Brennan was carrying the ball too much while Valeri was having a very quiet day.

— Peter Kunz

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SOUTH MELBOURN
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HEIDELBERG: Banov McMillan 4, **Tanse Yzendoorn** 5, **P. Bann** Rooney 4, Selemi Campbell 4, Cole Bozikas 4. **Coach** Rooney/B. Bannon porary).

Referee: S. Mell **Crowd:** 6,700; **Ca** Evans.

Centre back S Blair, 17, made an standing debut for S Melbourne.

Despite the scor result, the match wa of goal scoring cha and both sides hi woodwork many during the 90 minute

Blair, signed d the closed season State League club A Rovers, kept Gary under close contro allowed him little ro

He saved a c goal six minutes time when he dive clear Cole's shot o line after Peter La had fumbled a from Andy Bozikas.

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Heidelberg took initiative after ha and Cole came twice from de situations.

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Souths coach Margaritis switch ton to defence to young internationa Davidson to mo midfield.

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A: Half the problem was that I was tired, playing year after year without a real break. And then, when I came back from England, I expected things to fall into places but they didn't really.

Q: You don't think your sojourn with Tottenham helped your game?

A: Oh yes, it did — it's beginning to show the benefits this season. Maybe it's a delayed action. Last year we had problems, then had coaching changes and things just didn't work out.

Q: What about the national team? Do you think you'll get back?

A: I think I've got to string together some good performances and if I can't, I don't deserve to be there. But given a chance, I feel I can make it. I'm only 25, you know.

Q: Where do you work now?

A: I'm teaching at Enfield Primary School.

Q: What do you think of your former Tottenham reserve team mate John Hoddle getting into the England team?

A: Great player, with unbelievable skills. Yet when I was over there, he was having the same sorts of problems with his form that I had when I came back to Australia. He's a confidence-type player: if things work out for him at the start of a match, you know he'll have a great game.

Q: What about Adelaide City?

A: Frankly, I was disappointed with them; specially in the first half they were leaving enormous gaps. We were trying to exploit the open spaces behind their two central defenders, particularly from our left flank. They seemed to be pretty slack in the middle of the park; I don't know, have they been playing much together at all?

Q: What about the match on Sunday against St.George?

A: It'll be an interesting game. They play similar to us, use the wings, push guys wide, fling the ball around. It'll be a pretty entertaining match.

Q: Now that the Saints have lost do you expect them to have a lot of bite?

A: Everybody has a bite nowadays, week after week; there is no easy game. That's what the PSL is all about.

Peter Stone, one of Australia's top midfielders.

CHARLTON AMAZED AT OUR HARDY FANS

Former England and Manchester United star Bobby Charlton was quite impressed with the big crowd that turned out at the Gabbie Stadium to watch him play in City's debut in the Philips League.

Having a drink with the boys after the match, he freely admitted that he had never seen so many people in a ground which had no cover facilities with the rain pouring down during the entire match.

"It would have been the perfect promotion for the club" he said "that I should score the first and last goals of the match.....but for that man" pointing to referee Henry Witschge who disallowed the goal.

At 42, Charlton is quite fit and although he didn't pull anything out of the magic box, he still showed some brilliant touches for the youngsters.

Although his legs are not as fast as they used to be, he certainly showed the City players how to use the open spaces — and he directed them throughout the game.

Naturally, his immense experience came in very handy in this stunt; he scored that first goal by sheer anticipation that Ortega would lay it on his foot to give the 'keeper no chance to even see the ball flashing past him.

And again he repeated the performance in the last seconds of the game, when a ball from the right was laid in front of him and he hit it in no uncertain manner even if he was offside.

For the record, Charlton joined Manchester United in 1953 at the age of 15 and played 606 first grade games for the club scoring a total of 198 goals.

In his debut in first division against Charlton Athletic, Bobby Charlton scored two goals.

He gained his first England cap in April 1958 against Scotland at Hampden Park and he eventually obtained 106 caps for England scoring 49 goals for his country.

Bobby was in the tragic air crash of the Matt Busby Babes in Munich and ever since has a dread of flying.

He won a World Cup medal in 1966, and he also has in his collection an FA Cup winners medal (against Leicester in 1963) and a European Cup Medal (against Benfica, Portugal, in 1968).

In 1966, he was elected Footballer of the year in England and in the same year was also European Footballer of the year.

After the match, Blacktown City presented Bobby with an engraved silver tray as a memento of his visit to Australia.

— Charles Spiteri

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WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS...

West Adelaide coach Gerry Chaldi last week sacked Gary Dooley from his squad and placed him on the transfer list. "A true midfielder must be willing to tackle," Chaldi commented.

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Adelaide City's Socceroo brothers, Bogdan and John, suffered a tragic loss last week with the death of their father John, about two months after their mother died.

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APIA-Leichhardt president Nick Papallo left his bed at the Prince of Wales hospital to see his team's win on Sunday — then returned at once for further treatment.

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Rale Rasic, Adelaide City: "No doubt about it at all — Leichhardt were the better team and fully deserved their win. We played badly and some of our key players, such as Russell and Bugsy Nyskohus, just couldn't get going."

★ ★ ★

Willie Wallace, Leichhardt: "I'm delighted. I was secretly hoping for a win but the performance of the boys was above my expectations."

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Jim Dempsey is the new Leichhardt club captain — and he celebrated this with a brilliant display in the first round.

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Leichhardt's Terry Butler could be out for months — he has a serious groin injury, similar to Tony Henderson's.

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Lion's new boy, ex-New Zealand international Johan Verwej is not eligible to play until the New Zealand Association clears him — which they seem reluctant to do as the player had earlier signed a pledge not to leave the country until after the 1981 World Cup elimination games. FIFA may be asked to arbitrate in the matter.

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Marconi coach Les Scheinflug: "Six or seven of our players performed below par, We'll freshen up the team this week; it's probable that many of our stars are a bit tired due to their heavy international commitments since January."

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Marconi secretary-manager Milorad Urukalo, himself a phys-ed graduate, was the only Sydney soccer man to attend last week's Sports Administration seminar in Melbourne. Only Heidelberg of all PSL clubs was the other represented while PSL manager John Frank was also there. The rest of the clubs obviously know all about administration and promotion...

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Eddie Thomson, Sydney City: "A lot of effort went into preparing the team for the season and the good win with a fine display was most pleasing. It was imperative to get this first victory over our main rivals."

★ ★ ★

Gerry Chaldi, Westad: "We had plenty of determination but not a lot of good soccer. The point comes handy — but I like to win."

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Barry Reynolds, Westad's brilliant veteran fullback, could be out for weeks with a bad knee injury. He will see a specialist this week.

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Lions coach Matt Carson: "Canberra has more skilful players than we do but they did far too much running with the ball. We play a simple game and try to play it well."

★ ★ ★

Vic Fernandez, Canberra: "There was a lot of tension in the boys before we walked on the field, we didn't play well at all. Our attack still lacks understanding."

★ ★ ★

Danny Moulis, who had to miss Sunday's game because of his suspension, is likely to return to the Canberra team, possibly replacing John Brown.

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NSW CHAMPIONSHIPS

STATE LEAGUE

MONARO v OLYMPIC 1-3(0-1)

The return of Sydney Olympic to State League soccer saw them beat Monaro at the lush Seiffert Oval. Although Olympic was well organised, the scoreline didn't do justice to Monaro. The first half was very even, with shots on target from both teams. Trajanovski and Talevski for Monaro tested Meier, while Zeros and Eaton created chances for Olympic. Trajanovski was unlucky not to open the scoring for Monaro when he failed to convert Talevski's 35th minute cross. Then, in the 42nd minute Olympic grabbed the lead when Clive Eaton crossed into the crowded goalmouth; the ball hit Palec before deflecting into the net. In the 52nd minute Eaton widened the gap when he volleyed home a corner, and this gave the Sydney team leeway to put more pressure on Monaro. As a result Hensman grabbed the third goal after forcing an error in the penalty area. Monaro fought well throughout, but seemed to lack something in the midfield. Heywood distinguished himself again as a battler and scored a superb goal.

MONARO: Palec 3 (Antonopoulos 46m, 3), Crawford 3, Pulcini 3, Noble 4, O'Neil 3, Falzon 3, Santolin 3, Lawler 3, Heywood 4, Trajanoski 4, Talevski 3.
OLYMPIC: Meier 3, Ankudinoff 4, Palmer 4, Wilson 4, Rowden 3, Cross 3, Laing 3 (Kousas 56), Zeros 4, Scott 4, Eaton 4, Hensman 4.
Goals: 0-1 Palec (o.g. 42m), 0-2 Eaton (52m), 0-3 Hensman (60m), 1-3 Heywood (74m).
Referee: K. Allen; **Crowd:** 750.

— W. Bourke

PARRAMATTA v CANTERBURY 2-1(2-1)

Parramatta's hero at the end of the day was Tim O'Maye, scorer of the two goals which sank highly rated Canterbury. The star-studded Canterbury side just couldn't get going against a determined Parramatta and when they did manage to create chances, the City side was resolute in defence. Craig Hall for Canterbury was closely watched, and when he broke free occasionally his shots were all held well by Ian Barker. The heavy pitch — the result of the rain and also the long grass which was undermowed — resulted in Canterbury tiring as the game wore on, while Parramatta improved. Niti Nitya proved valuable in midfield and was very creative, while Ross Brown was Canterbury's outstanding player.

Parramatta: Barker 4, Jordan 4, Bigland 3, Baron 3, Lackey 4, Fisher 3, Brizuela 3 (Mitchell 73m), Nitya 3, Hearne 3 (Haydeck 75m), O'Maye 4, Waldron 4.
Canterbury: McPherson 4, Kable 3, Bozganos 3, (Laws 45m), Brown 3, Sheldrick 4, Williams 3, R. Brown 4, Thomson 3, Thamnides 3 (Ramisch 68m), Byles 3, Hall 3.
Crowd: 115

— P. Coleman

SUTHERLAND v ARNCLIFFE 1-1(0-0)

Arncliffe and Sutherland fought out a close, exciting battle in near constant rain. The small crowd which braved the weather was treated to some excellent football by two teams which delighted in going forward. Arncliffe played the more creative football, while Sutherland relied on their traditional fighting spirit and fast breaks to hit back at the Scots. After the scoring burst just after half time both teams could have won the game. Scots survived two close chances in the final minutes, with the ball striking the crossbar seconds before the final whistle. Sutherland's hero was Mal Haynes who made several miraculous saves to keep his side in the game. Montgomery and Tracey caused the Sutherland defence plenty of trouble and Tracey looks to be in better form than for many years.

Sutherland: Haynes 6, Tasker 3, Hesford 3, Smith 6, Dal Forno 5, Woods 2, Harrington 6, Meades 6, Rogers 2, Bush 2, Murphy 3.
Arncliffe: Marsden 5, Ramisch 5, Wignal 3, Stone 2, Ainslie 3, J. Lee 5, Oldham 2, Luckett 3, Leak 4, Montgomery 6, Tracey 6.
Goals: 1-0 Meades (48m), 1-1 Montgomery (52m).
Referee: G. Warne; **Crowd:** 165.

— E. De La Sceri

BANKSTOWN v MELITA 0-2(0-1)

Melita Eagles had little difficulty in defeating Bankstown 2-0 in a dull affair at the Soccer Centre. Bankstown looked surprisingly at sea in the bleak conditions and but for the good play of goalkeeper Wally Lachowicz and stopper Greg Lynch could have suffered a much bigger hiding. With the evergreen John Stoddart in command in midfield Melita grabbed hold of the game and were never worried by Bankstown's few efforts to win it back. The first goal after 26 minutes came from Ray Farrugia who drove the ball in after Don Allen's shot rebounded into play. Melita made it 2-0 just after the break when Terry Jones was let in after a mistimed tackle by Glen Lynch, and he struck his shot powerfully into the roof of the net.

Bankstown: Lachowicz 4, Thomson 3, Lembryk 3, Glen Lynch 2, Greg Lynch 4, D. Wilson 3, C. Wilson 4, Tansley 2, (Morrison 65m), Peck 3, (Gabor 76m), Daley 3, Davis 2.
Melita: Greedy 4, Berry 3, Darvill 4, McDonald 4, Mikas 3, Parker 3, (Mcrsello 76m), Williams 4, Farrugia 4, Allan 3, Stoddart 4, Jones 3.
Goals: 0-1 Farrugia 26m Jones 46m. **Referee:** K. Small; **Crowd:** 631.

— E. Persen

CROATIA v KU-RING-GAI 2-0(1-0)

Zdenko Kafka, Croatia's new signing, showed his class in this match, providing many chances for his strikers which they failed to capitalise on. Kevin Coleman had a useful game probing forward and one effort hit the upright before rolling along the goal line and then being cleared away. Defender Alex Kovacic put Croatia into the lead when he scored with a powerful 25 metre shot. Replacement Ku-ring-gai stopper Warwick Martin again cleared off the line with Taylor beaten, then Kafka added the second when Greg Smith collided with Brian Taylor and the ball ran to the Croatia striker.

Croatia: Watson 3, A. Kovacic 3, Cagalj 4, Basic 4, Smith 4, Savor 3, Mullen 3, Kafka 4, M. Kovacic 3, Coleman 4, Sullivan 3.
KU-RING-GAI: Taylor 3, Wheatley 3, Vousden 3, Robertson 4, Chambers 2 (Martin 40m), McGill 3, Smith 3, Hamilton 3, Herron 3, Hogg 3, Seach 3 (Geekie 45m).
Goals: 1-0 A. Kovacic 26, 2-0 Kafka (60m). **Referee:** R. Lorenc; **Crowd:** 1,560.

— G. Streeter

MANLY v NORTH SYDNEY 1-2(1-1)

North Sydney made an impressive debut in the State League with a good fighting victory. They recovered from a disastrous start when Firrell broke through and scored a solo effort goal after only a minute. After that there were a number of chances to both sides, before Porter scored a scrappy — though valuable — goal after 37 minutes. The second half was a dour battle in the pouring rain, although both teams tried hard in the heavy conditions. Injuries came thick and fast, with both goalkeepers copping a fair battering. Out of nowhere, with the game rapidly closing on a draw, North Sydney got the winner when Leyden netted after Mitchell's cross. Then, to cap off Manly's worries, their excellent goalkeeper Chris Cassettari had his jaw broken in a clash.

MANLY: Cassettari 4, (Dower 89m), Mouttet 4, Doyle 3, Townsend 3, Plaud 3, Fox 3, Jack 2, Stewart 2, Firrell 3, Roozendaal 3, Riley 2.
NORTH SYDNEY: Lilli 4, Walker 3, O'Rourke 4, Miller 2, Porter 4, Matheson 4, A. Bottalico 3, Mitchell 3, Leyden 3, Youssef 2, Delaney 4.
Goals: 1-0 Firrell (1m), 1-1 Porter (37m), 1-2 Leyden (89m). **Referee:** B. Fowler; **Crowd:** 247.

— G. Bashford

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AVALA v AUBURN 2-0(1-0)

Avala belied their poor Ampol Cup form by suprisingly beating Auburn in very heavy conditions. The playing surface was tricky, with the ball skidding rather than bouncing or rolling. As a result it became obvious that the team which mastered these conditions first would have an enormous advantage over their opponents. Avala capitalised on their home ground knowledge and played the more intelligent soccer. In the 18th minute young defender Bateman sent a perfect, skidded pass through to Djurisic for the striker to lob the ball over the advancing Auburn 'keeper. After the break Auburn brought on McCulloch and Carter, two youngsters, and they immediately added firepower to the Auburn front line. However, Avala increased their lead almost immediately after half time and the young Auburn side was unable to haul back the two goal difference.

AVALA: Ahrens 3, Bateman, Deller 3, Barton 3, R. Griffith 3, Pilovski 3, Djurisic 3, Lang 4, Tilt 3, (A.Griffith 58m), Kodor 3, Karanfilovski 4.
AUBURN: Gisbourne 3, Cosnett 3, Bertram 3, Faircloug 3, Dobson 3, McDonald, Prgomelja 2 (McCulloch 45m), McMillan 3, Quigley 3 (Carter 45m,), Ross 3, McCloy.
Goals: 1-0 Djurisic (18m), 2-0 Karanfilovski (49m). **Referee:** G. Power; **Crowd:** 243.

— E. Morris

DIVISION

— By Charles Spiteri —

Polonia, certain to challenge for promotion this season, started with a bang when they overran Revesby 7-0 in the opening game of the competition.

Only four of the scheduled seven games were played due to heavy rain making the grounds quite unplayable.

Andy Budini and Zbigniew Strzelecki scored two goals apiece in Polonia's crushing win.

A surprise win was registered by Penrith when they beat last year's State League relegated team Yugal 2-0.

Sydney City lead 1-0 against Bathurst but the locals equalised and then scored the winner two minutes from the end for another surprise.

Details:

WARRINGAH v BLACKTOWN CITY 0-3
Goals: Cuffs, Dolton, Finch.
Warringah: Percy, Van der Sagg, Carpenter, B. Beverley, Morris, Dobson, Griffin, Euers, Daykin, Sidra, E... **Coach:** P. Clancy.
Blacktown City: Harris, Cu... Wilson, Brown, Campb... Rasmussen (Finch), Dolt... Manning, Amey, Cuk, P... son. **Coach:** M. Jones.

YUGAL v PENRITH 0-2
Goals: K. Thoms, Lewis.
Yugal: not available
Penrith: Crispic, May (Birth... Dunn, Gaskin, Hobart, ... Thomas, Lewis, Demai... Quinnel, K. Thoms, Har... **Coach:** S. Ackerley.

REVESBY v POLONIA 1-7
Goals: Patterson, A. Budini, Z. Strzelecki 2, R. Buc... Lemanczyk, O'Donovan.
Revesby: Carbone, Ada... Hargraves, McDonagh, ... tman, Patterson, Bu... Power (Prior), Mac... McGovern, Morrow.
Polonia: Greenh... O'Donovan, Svi... Carruthers (Crawford), Ha... Wisniewski, R. Buc... Sookee (Bates), Lemanc... Strzelecki. **Coach:** S. Y... nickza.

BATHURST v SYDNEY CITY
Sydney City: Berry, Woo... Sorge, Fonsica, Rogers, ... Spanos, (Gabriel), Soun... Dickinson (Henry), Hi... Burges, Silva. **Coach:** D... Hoggart.

Coca Cola Bottlers executive Bill Stokes flanked by president Karl Rodny (left) and secretary, Aulden Brown, a week's function announcing the new sponsorship for the League.

AMPOL SCOREBOARD

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2(1)(1)	BANKSTOWN (1)(1)
Olympic: Meier, Ankudinoff, Cross, Wilson, Rowden, Housseini (Palmer 68m), Laing, Zeros (Kousas 63m), Scott, Eaton, Hensman.	**Bankstown:** Lachowicz, Thomson, Lembryk, Beater, Greg Lynch, Morrison (Glen Lynch 91m), Rootsey, Tansley, Peck (Wilson 54m), Daley, Davis.

Goals: 0-1 Daley (15m), 1-1 Eaton (25m), 2-1 Scott (pen 104m).
Referee: T. Davies; **Crowd:** 5,836 (double header); **Cautions:** Thomson, Beater.

It was on from the outset; the police made two arrests in the crowd and cans were thrown on the field in what can only be described as an "eventful evening". The wonder of the game was that it took Olympic so long to take the lead. They made 20 or so scoring attempts, only to be frustrated by the excellent Wally Lachowicz in Bankstown's goal, and his uncompromising defence. Daley again caused a major sensation when he put Bankstown into the lead after 15 minutes. However, Eaton proved himself to be Daley's equal in goalscoring when he equalised.

Fourteen minutes into extra time Greg Lynch brought down Mark Kousas and Scott converted from the spot to give Olympic a deserved victory.

— L. Waters

CROATIA 2(1)(1)	SUTHERLAND 1(1)(1)
Croatia: Watson, A. Kovacic, Cagalj, Basic, Smith, Dudaric (Cootes 91m), Mullen, Savor, M. Kovacic, Coleman (Pagano 71m), Kafka.	**Sutherland:** Haynes, Hesford, R. Schumann, Smith, Dal Forno, Tasker, Rogers, Meades, Bush, Murphy (Watkins 70m), Harrington.

Goals: 1-0 Coleman (8m), 1-1 Dal Forno (21m), 2-1 Cagalj (pen.96m).
Referee: D. Rennie; **Crowd:** 5,836.

When Marijan Kovacic waltzed past his marker in the eighth minute to lay on a perfect ball for Kevin Coleman to score it seemed the game was already in Croatia's safekeeping. Sutherland's defence looked perilously close to being a rabble, and it was only Bob Smith who kept it together. In fact the whole Sutherland team in the beginning looked rather lax, and it was more through rare breakouts than anything else that they held Croatia till extra time. However, Sutherland could still have won, with Bush, Rogers and Tasker all hitting the Croatia woodwork. Vic Dal Forno provided the equaliser to Coleman's opening goal, and both teams were locked in battle for 76 minutes until a careless tackle from Ron Schumann on Wally Savor gave Croatia victory.

— M. Renwick

Cassettari broken ja...

Manly officials are s... set over the incident ... week's match ... goalkeeper Chris Cas... had his jaw broken.

They say the offi... North Sydney player ... previously warned ... charging into the goal... especially on the w... slippery surface.

However, when he c... with Cassettari a secon... causing the injury, the ... failed to act.

Last Tuesday Cas... was operated on for ... jury, and while Manly o... are uncertain how lon... take him to recover, th... fears that the ... 'keeper could be out ... rest of the season.

Chris' jaw was bro... two places in the acce...

MELITA BIG THREAT TO HIGH-FLYING OLYMPIC

— By Paul James —

There were few shocks in the opening round of the State League last week, but this week's games could make up for that, with several upsets likely.

Champions Croatia, again at their new King Tomislav ground, meet an aggressive Arncliffe, eager to get the points.

Croatia, inspired by Zdenko Kafka, loom as the chief rivals to the all powerful Olympic, and this match will be a great test before they meet the Greek giants in the Ampol Cup Final.

Arncliffe, 'the mercenaries' as they have been dubbed, are out to show they can still fight for the club.

A creditable point against Sutherland last week would be nicely capped off with a point or two here.

Melita, also off to a good start with a win, meet Olympic at Garside Park.

Both teams have tremendous following, and a large crowd — weather and strikes permitting — should be on hand to watch.

Both teams seem to be settling into their stride at the right time, and while Olympic appear 'unbeatable', Melita's style of football may be able to cause an upset.

Canterbury and Bankstown, both losers last week, will be out for points in order to keep up with the rest of the field.

Canterbury's loss to lowly rated Parramatta was one of the weekend's biggest upsets.

Their stars don't seem to have gelled just yet, although individually they are showing flashes of their true form.

Bankstown, showing signs of a let-down after their Ampol Cup semi-final loss must pull up their socks or any success will slip beyond their grasp.

Their side, playing a fast, aggressive soccer has the ability to do well and Canterbury would be an ideal team to take two points from.

The 'minnows' North Sydney and Parramatta meet at the Soccer Centre in an interesting clash.

Both sides are very much under-rated but are destined to cause some shocks throughout the year.

Parramatta have retained their giant-killing reputation from last year, while North Sydney are continuing to play intelligent soccer with a minimum of fuss.

In Queanbeyan, Monaro and Avala meet in a match vital to the locals.

Pace-setters in the last two years, the Queanbeyanites have let their image become tarnished in the Ampol Cup.

Fans and some officials are bemoaning the loss of Giampaolo and Valeri, and harp back on past peformances.

They should instead concentrate on the talent available in Talevski, Trajanoski and Antonopoulos and build for the future.

Avala, with a workmanlike victory over Auburn will be a tough opponent to toss.

Without stars, they play as a unit, backing each other up, and running off the ball.

It is highly unlikely they will return to Sydney empty-handed after this match.

The last two games see old district rivals do battle.

Sutherland and Auburn meet at Seymour Shaw; both teams are heavy with local talent, having had to rebuild their sides after an exodus of established players.

However, I tip the more constructive Sutherland team to take the points in this game.

On the North Shore, Manly and Ku-ring-gai meet in an interesting encounter.

Manly, now without their solid 'keeper Chris Cassettari, have a defence which may be a little unsteady.

Ku-ring-gai, full of wise old heads, could prove more adventurous in attack than Manly, and despite the seasiders' speed, I feel the Greens will take the points.

NSW FEDERATION OFFICIAL PROGRAM

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS STATE LEAGUE

THIS WEEK

ROUND 2, MARCH 15-16

Monaro	v	Avala	Sunday, Marco Polo Oval
Melita	v	Olympic	Sunday, Garside Park
Auburn	v	Sutherland	Sunday, Seymour Shaw
Croatia	v	Arncliffe	Sunday, King Tomislav
Manly	v	Ku-ring-gai	Sunday, Cromer Park
North Sydney	v	Parramatta	Sunday, Soccer Centre
Cant.-M'ville	v	Bankstown	Sunday, Arlington Oval

DIVISION 1

Penrith	v	Revesby	Sunday, Cook Park
Polonia	v	Bye	
Sydney City	v	Yugal	Sunday, E.S.Marks Field
Blacktown C.	v	Bathurst	Sunday, Gabbie Stadium
Leichhardt	v	Warringah	Saturday, Lambert Park
Uni NSW	v	Marconi	Sunday, Prince Henry Oval
Wollongong	v	St.George	Sunday, Berkely Sports Grd.
Blacktown Ud	v	Belmore	Sunday, Francis Park

NEXT WEEK

ROUND 3, MARCH 22-23

Sutherland	v	Inter Monaro	Sunday, Seymour Shaw
Avala	v	Syd. Olympic	Sunday, Knight Park
Croatia Syd.	v	Auburn	Sunday, King Tomislav
Manly Warr.	v	Arncliffe Scots	Sunday, Cromer Park
Parramatta City	v	Ku-ring-gai	Sunday, Garside Park
Bankstown Dis.	v	North Sydney	Sunday, Soccer Centre
Cant.-M'ville	v	Melita Eagles	Sunday, Arlington Oval

ROUND 3, MARCH 22-23

Revesby	v	Sydney City	Sunday, Milperra Reserve
Polonia	v	Penrith Utd.	Sunday, Chopin Park
S.S.C.Yugal	v	Blacktown C.	Sunday, Concord Oval
Bathurst '75	v	Leichhardt	Sunday, Bathurst Show Grd.
Warringah	v	Uni NSW	Sunday, Narrabeen Fit.Cmp.
Marconi	v	Wollongong	Sunday, Marconi Oval
St.George	v	Blacktown Ud	Sunday, St.George Stadium

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STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Olympic	1	—	—	3	1	2
Avala	1	—	—	2	—	2
Croatia	1	—	—	2	—	2
Melita	1	—	—	2	—	2
Nth.Sydney	1	—	—	2	1	2
Parramatta	1	—	—	2	1	2
Arncliffe	—	1	—	1	1	1
Sutherland	—	1	—	1	1	1
Canterbury	—	—	1	1	2	—
Manly	—	—	1	1	2	—
Auburn	—	—	1	—	2	—
Bankstown	—	—	1	—	2	—
Ku-ring-gai	—	—	1	—	2	—
Monaro	—	—	1	1	3	—

GRADE 2

Melita	1	—	—	5	1	2
Olympic	1	—	—	4	1	2
Canterbury	1	—	—	3	1	2
Manly	1	—	—	2	—	2
Auburn	1	—	—	1	—	2
Croatia	—	1	—	1	1	1
Ku-ring-gai	—	1	—	1	1	1
Arncliffe	—	1	—	2	2	1
Sutherland	—	1	—	2	2	1
Avala	—	—	1	—	1	—
Nth.Sydney	—	—	1	—	2	—
Parramatta	—	—	1	1	3	—
Monaro	—	—	1	1	4	—
Bankstown	—	—	1	1	5	—

GRADE 3

Auburn	1	—	—	4	—	2
Sutherland	1	—	—	3	—	2
Manly	1	—	—	2	1	2
Croatia	—	1	—	2	2	1
Ku-ring-gai	—	1	—	2	2	1
Bankstown	—	1	—	1	1	1
Melita	—	1	—	1	1	1
Canterbury	—	1	—	—	—	1
Parramatta	—	1	—	—	—	1
Nth.Sydney	—	—	1	1	2	—
Arncliffe	—	—	1	—	3	—
Avala	—	—	1	—	4	—

DIVISION 1

GRADE 1

Polonia	1	—	—	7	1	2
Blacktown C.	1	—	—	3	—	2
Penrith	1	—	—	2	—	2
Bathurst	1	—	—	2	1	2
Belmore	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leichhardt	—	—	—	—	—	—
Marconi	—	—	—	—	—	—
St.George	—	—	—	—	—	—
Uni NSW	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wollongong	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sydney City	—	—	1	1	2	—
Yugal	—	—	1	—	2	—
Warringah	—	—	1	—	3	—
Revesby	—	—	1	1	7	—

GRADE 2

Blacktown C.	1	—	—	4	—	2
St.George	1	—	—	4	—	2
Sydney City	1	—	—	3	1	2
Penrith	1	—	—	2	1	2
Polonia	—	1	—	1	1	1
Revesby	—	1	—	1	1	—
Belmore	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leichhardt	—	—	—	—	—	—
Marconi	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wollongong	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yugal	—	—	1	1	2	—
Bathurst	—	—	1	1	3	—
Uni NSW	—	—	1	—	4	—
Warringah	—	—	1	—	4	—

GRADE 3

St.George	1	—	—	15	—	2
Sydney City	1	—	—	6	—	2
Blacktown C.	1	—	—	4	—	2
Penrith	1	—	—	3	—	2
Polonia	—	1	—	2	2	1
Revesby	—	1	—	2	2	1
Belmore	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leichhardt	—	—	—	—	—	—
Marconi	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wollongong	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yugal	—	—	1	—	3	—
Warringah	—	—	1	—	4	—
Bathurst	—	—	1	—	6	—
Uni NSW	—	—	1	—	15	—

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE

	i	ii	iii
Monaro v Olympic	1-3	1-4	—
Avala v Auburn	2-0	0-1	0-4
Sutherland v Arncliffe	1-1	2-2	3-0
Croatia v Ku-ring-gai	2-0	1-1	2-2
Manly v Nth.Sydney	1-2	2-0	2-1
Parramatta v Cant/M'ville	2-1	1-3	0-0
Bankstown v Melita	0-2	1-5	1-1

DIVISION 1

Revesby v Polonia	1-7	1-1	2-2
Yugal v Penrith	0-2	1-2	0-3
Bathurst v Sydney City	2-1	1-3	0-6
Warringah v Blacktown	0-3	0-4	0-4
Marconi v Leichhardt	—	—	—
St.George v Uni of NSW	—	4-0	15-0
Belmore v Wollongong	—	—	—

UMBRO CUP

Baulkham Hills v West Ryde	1-0
Lane Cove v Port Hacking	0-0
Marrickville v Campbelltown	1-0
Guildford v North Bankstown	1-1

Three-way struggle

Campbelltown and Port Hacking will play a vital promotion decider on Saturday; at Ernie Smith Reserve, Moorebank.

Last weekend Campbelltown beat West Ryde 2-0.

If Port Hacking manages to win on Saturday, the round-robin to decide the promoted team to Division Two will be repeated as goal difference won't count.

FROM THE PRESS BOX

Lavishly generous, even extravagant on one hand, stunningly miserly on the other — that's been a characteristic of Australian soccer officialdom for ages.

Take the recent Oceania tournament in Noumea, for example, which must have cost the ASF a tidy sum.

But because not one journalist travelled with the team from Australia, the press coverage was sketchy, at times almost non-existent.

Surely it would have been worthwhile for the ASF to take along, at a modest extra expense, one journalist or photographer prepared to service any publication back home interested in the team's exploits.

One reserve player less, one official less — and the expense wouldn't even show, yet the result would have been stunning.

Many overseas national teams do just that: they take along at association expense a professional press officer who then "feeds" back details and information to whoever wants to use it.

The tournament, despite its ultimate success, was really considered a minor event by the Australian media; after all, it's hard to get excited about such opponents as New Hebrides, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

So not one Australian pressman went along with the team, for a number of reasons mainly financial.

Our daily newspapers, who could afford such assignments didn't deem it worthwhile.

Neither, it seems, did the ASF.

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Last week two Sydney PSL clubs, St.George and Blacktown had their media presentation the same day, one at 7pm and one at 4pm.

This clash was unfortunate, no doubt due to lack of communication between the clubs.

But then worse was to come. At Blacktown, the star attraction of the afternoon, the one and only Bobby Charlton — was missing.

While the pressmen were munching their savouries and sipping their cold beer, Charlton was in Newcastle, promoting soccer boots for a manufacturer...

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Don't shrug off the possibility of a break between the ASF and the PSL — it's very real.

Quite a few club officials in Sydney and interstate feel that, if pushed to this extreme by the ASF executive, it may give them a chance to rebuild the PSL structure, which needs rebuilding anyway.

It would be a chaotic situation and the success or failure of such a move would depend largely on the attitude of the star players.

Would they risk an outlaw status for a while and miss the 1981-1982 World Cup campaign?

Perhaps they would if the inducements were big enough.

The present ASF was born as a result of a break in the early 1960s, the NSW Federation came into being this way in 1956 and even the deposed old NSW Association was the result of such a move in the 1940s.

So the idea is neither new nor terribly far-fetched.

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Somebody up there doesn't like us. I mean soccer.

For some time — a pleasingly long time for that — there was relative quiet on the petrol front.

Also, for about six weeks, Sydney enjoyed the most glorious weather, without even a menacing cloud.

Then — action. First the petrol situation blew up and by Friday evening all NSW petrol stations were closed.

Then on Saturday night, for good measure — it began to rain.

But, of course, we should have known all that.

The soccer season proper was about to start.

— Andrew Dettre

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GREEKS HAVE PENCHANT FOR COACHING DRAMAS

Greek soccer, despite the success of their national team in the European Championship qualifying matches, seems to have been going through some traumatic weeks lately.

On December 9, the complete championship program in the first and second division was cancelled because the players went on strike.

They are demanding better social security, now that the clubs operate as limited companies and they expect them to provide sickness benefits and pensions just like in any other industry.

They want a type of freedom of contract, whereby a player who has been with a club for five years is entitled to an automatic release.

These men and their clubs insisted on government aid three times higher than that allowed at present. These part-timers claim they receive just $200 a month and only small bonuses for away wins.

The players' action caused a fixture chaos for some clubs were awarded points because their opponents failed to turn up. But the demand that full championship rounds should be played at a later date was dismissed by the Football Federation.

The government was still undecided on how to intervene in this dispute and it was expected that the Prime Minister Konstantinos Karamanlis will personally take charge to end the deadlock.

The State Secretary for Sport, however, rejects the idea of social security and pensions for footballers; he claims that such a scheme is unknown in world professional football.

"The players belong already to the privileged class and earn too much money. The strike concerns only the professional clubs and their players. It should not therefore be handled by the government."

The Greek national team during training — in 1969 in Sydney. Since then their international stock has risen sharply

Further criticism was directed at the big clubs who appear to have the money to buy new players. Olympiakos paid a total of $440,000 for just two players — Nikoloudis (ex-AEK Athens) and the Swede Ahlstroem (ex-Elfsborg Boras).

The change over to fulltime professionalism has at least brought higher wages for team managers, but their position is now even more precarious.

They earn between $2,000 and $5,600 a month, but if they fail to provide success then they are fired quicker than in any other European country.

After 15 matches already seven clubs had changed their team manager!

Panathinaikos sacked Lakis Petropulos (a former national team chief) last November for lack of success. His place was temporarily filled by the Englishman Les Shannon.

Then the club wanted Harry Gregg, the former Manchester United goalkeeper and current coach.

Panathinaikos were believed to be ready to offer Gregg a long-term contract worth $80,000 a year, a salary well above those paid to English managers in the First Division, but Gregg, mindful of the problems encountered by other foreign coaches in Greece probably had second thoughts.

The Athenians eventually engaged the vastly experienced Italian Bruno Pesaola and are hoping for better things in the near future.

Earlier in the season Panathinaikos invited Sir Alf Ramsay, the former England team manager, to discuss the offer of a post as a consultant. It would have been ironic if Sir Alf had accepted the role of a manager, for his predecessor at Panathinaikos was the Pole Kazimierz Gorski.

And as Poland's national team chief he was indirectly responsible for Sir Alf's demise, after Poland eliminated England from the 1974 World Cup.

Other managerial changes in the First Division: Iraklis Salonika who invested nearly $1,000,000 in new players fired the Pole Antoni Brzerzanczyk and engaged temporarily the Greek Michail Belis, while waiting for the arrival of the Bulgarian Apostol Zazevicki.

Apollon Athens, who slumped to bottom place, accepted the resignation of the Bulgarian Manol Manolov, who explained that the players "no longer listened to his advice."

Panionis, last year's cup winners, replaced their German team coach Siegfried Metzing with Petropoulos (sacked by Panathinaikos). Yannina hired the pole Jacek Gmoch in place of the Greek Alefantos; Rhodos signed the well known Englishman Vic Buckingham in succession to Belis. And finally Korinthos picked up Belis after Grigoriadis was given the push.

Next to go could be Stessl at AEK, unless the champions for the past two years can retain their title.

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GERMANS ARE "UEBER ALLES"

One often hears that the English First Division is the toughest, strongest, hardest and best in the world.

Best? Probably not. Take the quarterfinal stages of the three Euro Cups.

There are two English clubs left — and six West German ones.

To make it even more impressive, the chances are that all four semifinalists in the UEFA Cup will be West Germans — unprecedented in the history of the Euro-Cups.

Last week's first leg quarterfinal results:

Champions' Cup:
Hamburg v Hajduk 1-0; Nottingham v Dyn. Berlin 0-1; Strasbourg v Ajax 0-0; Celtic v Real Madrid 2-0.

Cupwinners' Cup:
Arsenal v Goteborg 5-1; Barcelona v Valencia 0-1; Dyn. Moscow v Nantes 0-2; Rijeka v Juventus 0-0.

UEFA Cup:
St.Etienne v Monchengladbach 1-4; Stuttgart v Lok.Sofia 3-1; Kaiserslautern v Bayern 1-0; Frankfurt v Brno 4-1.

Return matches next week Wednesday.

OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• *FIFA president Joao Havelange has declared his su... port for the holding of the Moscow Olympics.*

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• *Three people died after a match in Guatemala when ... home supporters of Coban Imperial attacked the refere... and players of the visiting Comunicaciones team; po... used rifles to "restore order" and three people were s... dead.*

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• *Nine months after joining Bolton from West Brom... Lou Cantello is quitting. "Every day spent there was sh... hell," he says.*

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• *George Best has entered a London sanatori... specialising in the cure of alcoholism.*

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• *Chile's most affluent club is the small Cobreola, in t... rich copper mining area of Chuquicamata where som... 10,000 miners pay a monthly membership fee to the club. ... the middle of a desert in northern Chile. The club's ... nickname is Zorros del Desierto (Desert Rats) and the ... players are the only ones in Chile who get paid on the d... every week.*

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• *Argentinian striker Jose Yrigoyen has been transferr... from Milionarios of Bogota to Medelin, also of Colombia, fo... $200,000. One of the main streets of Buenos Aires is called ... Yrigoyen — but not named after this Jose...*

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• *In case our PSL crowd figures don't make you too e... cited: in Denmark's first division last season the average at... tendance was 3,425.*

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• *Erwin Kostedde, 33, ex-German international and ha... colored former striker of several Bundesliga clubs (son of ... GI), is now with the French club Laval.*

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• *Kaiserlautern's Swedish goalie Hellstrom won't b... short of a kronen after his retirement: in Germany he owns ... jeans factory and in Sweden a sports store.*

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• *Italo Allodi — years ago involved in various bribe sca... dals — has become the general manager of Naples.*

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• *Real Madrid coach Vujadin Boskov: "Spanish soccer ... on the decline because most of our teams have o... fashioned coaching systems."*

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• *AC Milan is heading the list of Italian clubs fined f... the behaviour of their fans: so far this season it has co... them $15,000.*

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• *Ex-Hungarian international Laszlo Fazekas, 32, ... Ujpest, has signed for the Belgian club FC Antwerp ... which is also interested in another Hungarian, Sandor ... Mueller of Vasas, also 32. Diosgyor's stopper Jozsef ... Salamon may be signed by the French club St.Etienne.*

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• *Andras Torocsik, the long injured Ujpest star, was ... able to play in his team's first "spring season" match in ... Hungary. He was already warming up with the team when ... was discovered that his player card lacked the necessa... stamp of the association.*

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• *Juventus of Italy hasn't given up all hopes yet to sig... Kevin Keegan: they started negotiations with the player a... with Southampton.*

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• *Vizek, the Czech international star of Dukla Prag... recently seen in Australia, played so poorly last wee... against Banik Ostrava that coach Vejvoda had to repla... him.*

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• *Inter Milan's lead with eight matches to go is a c... eight points and so they are almost certain to take out ... Italian championship "scudetto" again — for the first ti... since 1971.*

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• *Chelsea manager Geoff Hurst: "Our fans are eit... silent or complaining, even when we win. Every ti... somebody lights a cigarette on the terraces opposite ... bench, I can hear the match hitting the side of the ma... box."*

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• *After the Everton v Liverpool match, Everton mana... Gordon Lee: "If I gave you my opinion about the ref... they'd put me into prison."*

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• *Hans Krankl, now back in his native Austria, is get... $21,000 a month in salary from his new club, FC Vienna.*

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• *Barcelona coach Rife — whose clashes with Kr... and Neeskens last season led to their departure — is lo... to get the sack, unless his team can beat Valencia in t... week's Euro-Cup match. Chances are that the new co... will be — ex-coach Rinus Michels, now quitting the ... Angeles Aztecs.*

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• *Belgium beat Luxembourg 5-0 in a friendly match.*

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• *The Rumanian Association has decreed that all ... division clubs must retain their current coaches for t... years. Reason: after the first 17 rounds, seven clubs h... sacked their coaches...*

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• *Not that Spain is that much better in this respect ... far five first division coaches have been fired.*

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• *Vladislav Bogicevic, former Yugoslav internationa... with Cosmos, may return home and join Dynamo Zagre...*

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• *Former England goalkeeper Gordon Banks isn't ha... much success as manager: fourth division Port Vale ... demoted him to the second team, then fired him.*

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